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## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF UTAH, CENTRAL DIVISION

MASTERFILE CORPORATION,

Plaintiff,

ANSWER VS.

Case No. 2:09-CV-00966

MARTIN GALE, d/b/a THE GALE

TEAM; LAURIE GALE, d/b/a THE Judge Dee Benson GALE TEAM; and GALE SERVICES,

P.C., d/b/a THE GALE TEAM

Defendants.

Defendants Martin Gale, Laurie Gale and Gale Services, P.C. (collectively "Defendants") hereby respond to the Complaint of Masterfile Corporation ("Masterfile") as follows:

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 1. Defendants admit that Plaintiff asserts claims pursuant to the provisions of the Copyright Act of the United States, as amended, 17 U.S.C. § 1 et seq., and otherwise deny the allegations of paragraph 1 of the Complaint.
  - Defendants admit the allegations of paragraph 2. 2.

3. Defendants admit the allegations of paragraph 3.

### **PARTIES**

- 4. Defendants are without sufficient information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations of paragraph 4 and on that basis deny the same.
- 5. Defendants are without sufficient information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations of paragraph 5 and on that basis deny the same.
- 6. Defendants admit the allegations of the first sentence of paragraph 6 of the Complaint and deny the remaining allegations of paragraph 6 of the Complaint.
  - 7. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 7.

### **FACTS**

- 8. Defendants are without sufficient information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations of paragraph 8 and on that basis deny the same.
- 9. Defendants are without sufficient information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations of paragraph 9 and on that basis deny the same.
  - 10. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 10.
- 11. The Defendants answer that the Demand Letters from Masterfile speak for themselves and otherwise deny the allegations of paragraph 11 of the Complaint.
  - 12. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 12.

### **COUNT I**

# CLAIM FOR COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT Under 17 U.S.C. §§ 106 and 501

13. Defendants incorporate the preceding paragraphs of this Answer as though fully set forth herein.

- 14. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 14.
- 15. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 15.
- 16. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 16.
- 17. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 17.

# COUNT II CLAIM FOR INTENTIONAL REMOVAL OF COPYRIGHT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION UNDER 17 U.S.C. § 1202(b)

- 18. Defendants incorporate by reference the preceding paragraphs of this Answer as though fully set forth herein.
- 19. Defendants are without sufficient information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations of paragraph 19 and on that basis deny the same.
  - 20. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 20.
  - 21. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 21.
  - 22. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 22.

### **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

- 1. Masterfile's Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.
- 2. Defendants deny each and every allegation of Masterfile's Complaint not specifically admitted or denied herein.
- 3. To the extent that Masterfile's claims are based on a contractual remedy, the claims are barred by the absence of any contractual agreement between the parties.
- 4. To the extent that Masterfile's claims arise in copyright, Masterfile is subject to the limited copyright protection afforded to compilations.

- 5. To the extent that Masterfile's claims arise in copyright, Masterfile is subject to the limitation of recovery for each copyrighted work, rather than each image, where images are registered as compilations.
- 6. To the extent that Masterfile's claims arise in copyright, Masterfile's claims are barred to the extent that its registrations are limited by prior registration or prior publication.
- 7. To the extent that Masterfile's claims arise in copyright, its statutory remedies are limited by 17 U.S.C. § 504 (c) (2), because Defendants were not aware and had no reason to believe that its acts constituted an infringement of copyright.
- 8. To the extent that Masterfile's claims arise in copyright, its claims are barred by a license to use the images.
- 9. Masterfile's claims are barred in whole or in part by its intentional wrongdoing, unfair business practices and unclean hands.
- 10. Masterfile's claims are barred in whole or in part by the limitations of 17 U.S.C. § 507(b).
- 11. Defendants reserve the right to supplement and/or amend this Answer with additional defenses and/or other claims or allegations learned through or deemed necessary due to discovery.

### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

For the reasons set forth herein, Defendants request the following relief:

1. That Masterfile's claims be dismissed in their entirety with prejudice and that Masterfile take nothing thereby;

- 2. That Defendants be awarded attorneys' fees and costs to the maximum extent allowed by law;
  - 3. That the Court grant such other relief as it deems just and appropriate.

DATED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009.

JONES, WALDO, HOLBROOK & McDONOUGH

/s/ Andrew G. Deiss

By: Andrew H. Stone Andrew G. Deiss Billie J. Siddoway Attorneys for Defendants

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009, a true and correct copy of the foregoing ANSWER, was caused to be delivered by electronic service, to the following:

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